

Ho-94  
Samuel Powell House  
Ellicott City  
Private

circa 1840

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Owned by Jonathan Ellicott and noted as lot #140 on his sale plat, the lot was part of a tract of land called "West Ilchester."

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Ho-94  
Dist 2

MAGI # 1400945404

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC Samuel Powell's House

AND/OR COMMON Votta's, Shoe Repair Shop  
Rodey's Beer Garden, Navicki's Shoe Repair.

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 8120 Main Street

CITY, TOWN Elicott City VICINITY OF Howard

STATE Maryland 21043 COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. John J. Votta Telephone #: 465-2521

STREET & NUMBER 3725 Ligon Road

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City VICINITY OF Maryland 21043 STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 25-A p.11  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

STREET & NUMBER Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City STATE Maryland

Liber #: 159  
Folio #: 045  
Land Access: \$4500  
Building Access: \$9700  
Total Access: \$14,200

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE 1977 ☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN 21 State Circle, Annapolis STATE Maryland

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Samuel Powell House is set into the granite slope of the north side of Main Street so that its third floor becomes its first floor on the north elevation. It is a three bay wide, three story high, gabled roof (running east-west) brick (laid in English garden wall brickbond) now covered in stucco whose first floor is taken over by display windows. A two story high, frame, shed roofed appendage springs from its north wall.

#### South Elevation

The south elevation's first floor is taken up with display windows (two large one light windows and a double, double-hung rectangular window, each side holding one-over-one lights). A rectangular entrance door is located east of center which is surmounted by a one light transom. A wooden cornice and architrave, decorated with scrolled brackets runs along the top of the first floor facade with a shed roof, aluminum, one story high awning running along the entire south elevation. Three second and third floor double-hung, rectangular windows, holding two-over-two lights punctuate the south elevation. These are vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. Flat wooden sills decorate all the windows.

#### West Elevation

The west elevation holds a two light ground floor window, a two-over-two central second and third floor window with a four light casement attic window south of center. The wooden frame addition on this elevation holds a rectangular, double-hung second and third floor window with two-over-two lights. Small square brick chimneys are inset into the center of the east and west walls of the original brick building.

#### East Elevation

There is a second floor rectangular, double-hung window with one-over-one lights and a square attic window on this elevation of the brick structure. A flight of iron stairs, three foot alley and a second flight of covered wooden stairs separate the building from its neighbor on the east.

The property's shed roof frame addition is almost level with the ground on the north which slopes steeply northward and is terraced by the use of retaining walls with a flight of wooden steps on the east side for access to the higher level, a garden which goes to the Jenkins House property line.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      Circa 1840      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Samuel Powell House, presently John Votta's Shoe Repair Shop, is located on the north side of Main Street. It was part of a tract of land called West Ilchester" designated as lot #140 on the Plat of the late Jonathan Ellicott in the sale of his property. Robert Mickle, trustee of the estate, conveyed this lot to Samuel Powell for the sum of \$400 on December 9, 1840 "together with the improvements, rights... privileges, appurtenances, advantages thereunto belonging or appertaining and the ... rents, issues and profits thereof." (Howard County Land Records #4-386)

On the 30th of December, 1856 Samuel Powell and his wife Mary Ann conveyed the property to George Smith for \$300 "together with the improvements (building) ... appurtenances ... and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof." This deed also mentions the alley indicated in the present verbal description of the property. (Howard County Land Records WWW 20-194) Prior to June, 1868 a William and Susan Brosius et al (including Joshua and Christiana Taylor) owned the property. These owners sold it to Martin L. Rodey for \$800 on the 4th of June, 1868. (WWW 28-304) Mr. Rodey ran a saloon here and a German beer garden in back. A deep cave, sixty to seventy feet from the top of the ground is in the back of the ground floor of this building in which they kept the beer. A spring is also located here.

On June 3, 1891 Mr. Martin L. Rodey conveyed the property to Matthew Powers for the sum of \$1500 "together with the buildings and improvements thereupon erected." (Howard County Land Records #57-355).

On the 18 of November, 1915 Mr. and Mrs. Powers conveyed the property to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac H. Taylor (HBN #100-202) for the sum of \$3,000

On the 29 of May, 1923 Mr. and Mrs. Taylor sold the property to Joseph and Anne Navicki who for some fifteen years ran a shoe repair shop here, selling it on December 17, 1937 to John and Ida Votta who continued the same use of the property to the present day. (BMJr. #159-45).

Please see last paragraph of significance statement for Ho-62.

## **9** MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mr. John Votta on August 21, 1977.  
Land Records of Howard County, Maryland

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## **10** GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.075 Acres

Please see Attachment I, Tax Map 25-A P.11.

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning for the same at a stake in the North side of the Baltimore and Frederick Turnpike Road at the southwest corner of Lot No. 139, as laid down in the sale Plat of Jonathan Ellicott's property, and running thence binding on Lot No. 139 North 15 3/4 degrees west 125 feet to a 4 foot alley reserved off and from the lot now being described and binding on lots No 133 and 134, thence binding on Lot No. 134 and parallel thereto and parallel

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

STATE

COUNTY

## **11** FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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also to Ellicott Street at the distance of about 104 feet therefrom south 70 1/2 degrees west 25 feet to a point four feet from the corner of Lots Nos. 134, 135 and 142; then south 15 3/4 degrees east 116 feet to the north side of the aforesaid Turnpike Road and thence binding hereon easterly 26 feet 6 inches to the place of beginning.

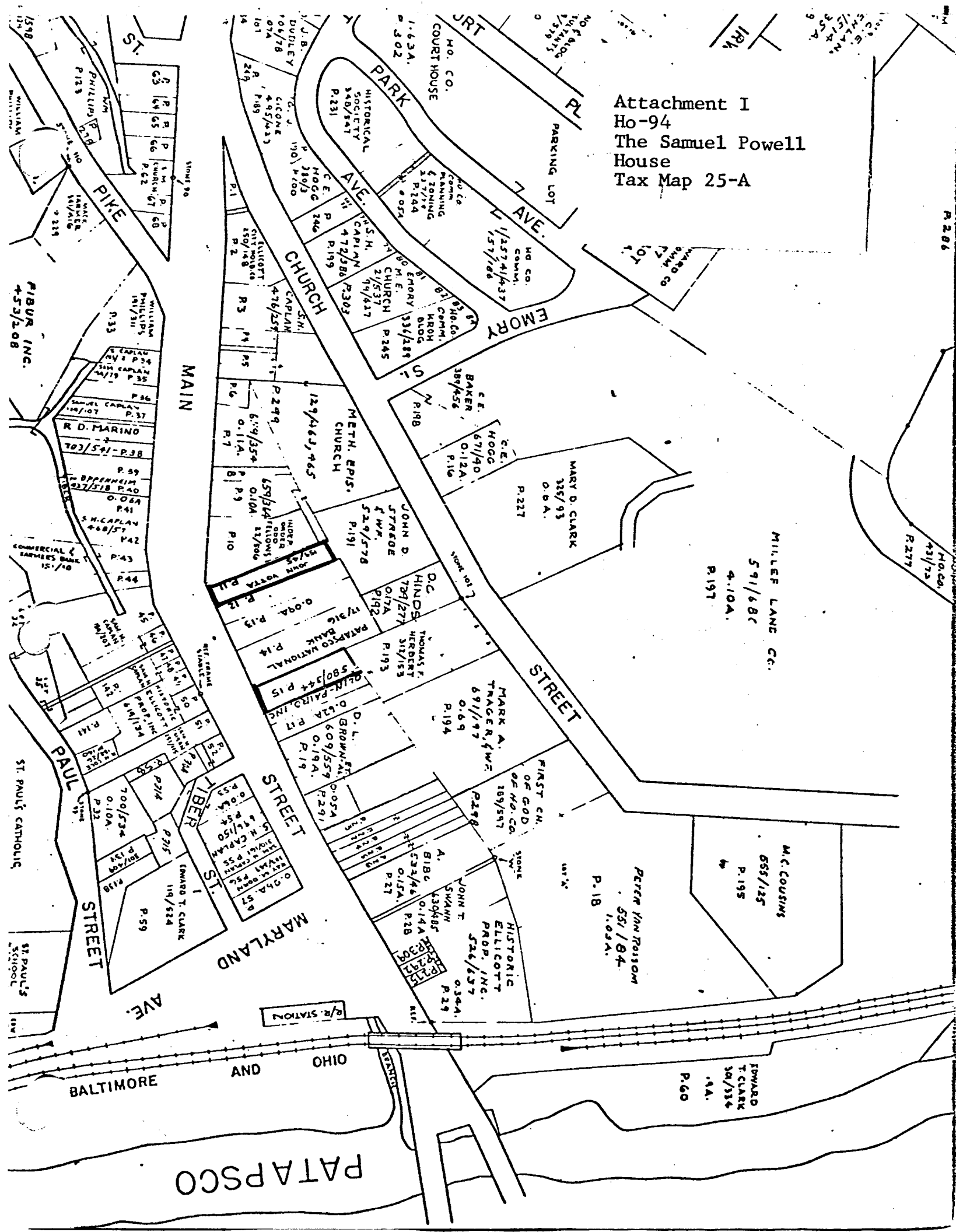
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The Samuel Powell Hse  
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AUG. 1977